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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: MEETING BETWEEN PRESIDENT AND HONECKER

REF: BERLIN 6050

FOR THE AMBASSADOR FROM THE SECRETARY

1. CAREFUL CONSIDERATION HAS BEEN GIVEN TO YOUR LETTER TO THE PRESIDENT OF JULY 11 REPORTING GDR INTEREST IN A MEETING BETWEEN PRESIDENT FORD AND SED FIRST SECRETARY HONECKER IN HELSINKI. WHILE YOUR ANALYSIS CORRECTLY HIGHLIGHTS EAST GERMAN MOTIVES IN ASKING FOR SUCH A MEETING, ON BALANCE WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT THE PRESENT STATE OF OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS JUSTIFIES A PRIVATE ENCOUNTER, ESPECIALLY GIVEN THE EXTREMELY LIMITED TIME AVAILABLE TO THE PRESIDENT AND THE LARGE NUMBER OF LEADERS WHO WISH TO MEET WITH HIM.
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2. PLEASE CONVEY THE PRESIDENT'S REGRETS TO FOREIGN MINISTER FISCHER, NOTING THAT BURDENS ON THE PRESIDENT'S SCHEDULE DO NOT MAKE IT POSSIBLE TO ARRANGE A FORMAL BILATERAL MEETING. IN GIVING OUR REPLY, YOU MIGHT ALSO

NOTE THAT ASSUMING THE SEATING ARRANGEMENT IS BASED ON
THE FRENCH ALPHABETICAL ORDER, THE PRESIDENT AND THE FIRST

SECRETARY WILL BE SITTING NEXT TO EACH OTHER DURING THE
CONFERENCE SESSIONS, AND THEY WILL UNDOUBTEDLY HAVE THE
OPPORTUNITY TO EXCHANGE INFORMAL GREETINGS.

3. I DO, HOWEVER, AGREE WITH YOUR VIEW THAT US-GDR
RELATIONS COULD BENEFIT FROM A BILATERAL MEETING IN
HELSINKI. IN THIS SPIRIT, I WOULD BE GRATEFUL IF YOU
WOULD PROPOSE TO FOREIGN MINISTER FISCHER THAT HE AND I
GET TOGETHER FOR A CONVERSATION ON THE MORNING OF
AUGUST 1 AT ABOUT 1100. THE MEETING COULD TAKE PLACE IN
FINLANDIA HALL IN ONE OF THE ROOMS SET ASIDE FOR THIS
PURPOSE. DETAILS COULD BE ARRANGED IN HELSINKI. KISSINGER

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